

House Resolution No. 4335

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Rachel Lucille Smith, a resident of Rock Port, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration hosted by her loved ones on August 23, 2003; and

Whereas, on August 23, 1913, in Craig, God brought a special gift to Carl James and Sarah Ellen (Stovall) Wright with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Rachel, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Rachel Smith made her formal debut in 1913 along with such notable people as film actor and producer Burt Lancaster, United States mail-order house and retail department-store owner Aaron Montgomery Ward, and jazz bandleader, clarinetist, and alto saxophonist Woodrow Charles "Woody" Herman; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Rachel Smith had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage in Rock Port on August 12, 1933, to Lester "Nephy" Smith (deceased); and

Whereas, Rachel Smith attended school in Craig, began working at the telephone office at the age of thirteen, was employed by the Glenn L. Martin bomber plant in Nebraska, and toiled alongside her husband as a farmer; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 90, Rachel Smith is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Rachel Smith at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Rachel Smith, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4335, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker